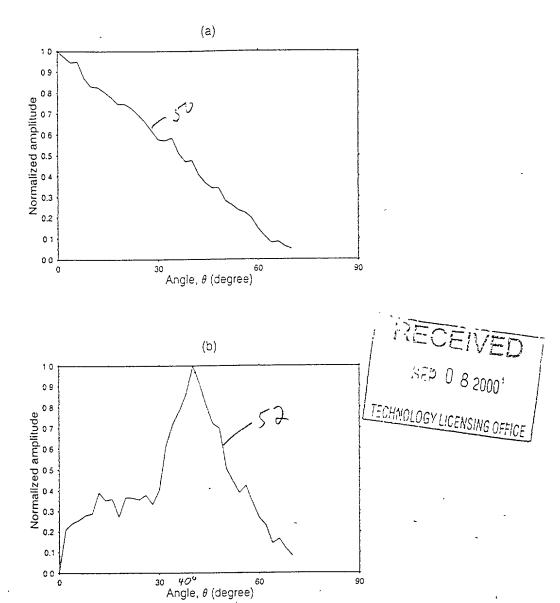


Proposed photoacoustic rail flaw detection scheme and the experimental setup used for conducting the proof-of-concept tests. Both excitation and detection lasers illuminate the same side of a rail sample containing a transverse defect.



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Figure 4: The measured out-of-plane displacements as a function of propagating angle  $\theta$  for the aluminum specimen: (a) <u>longitudinal</u> out-of-plane displacements  $(U_y^L)$ ; (b) shear out-of-plane displacements  $(U_y^T)$ .

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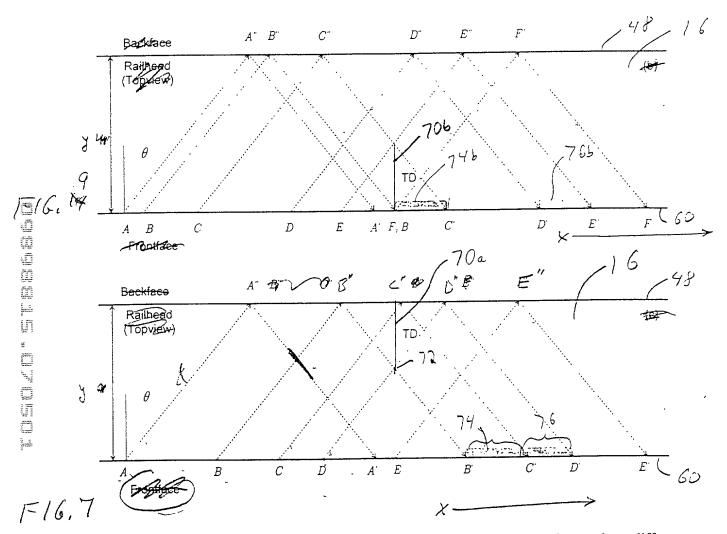
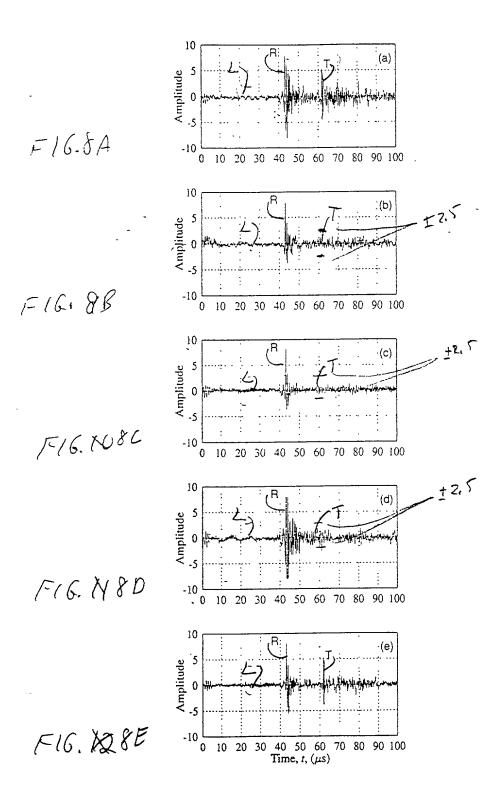
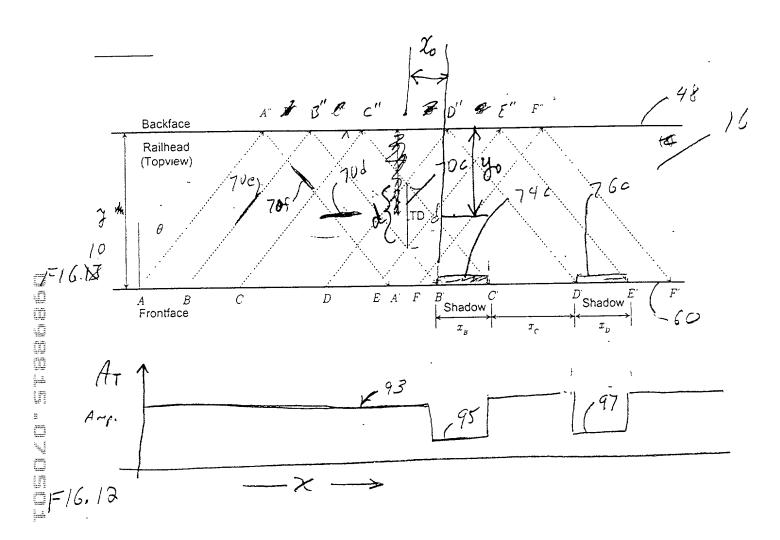
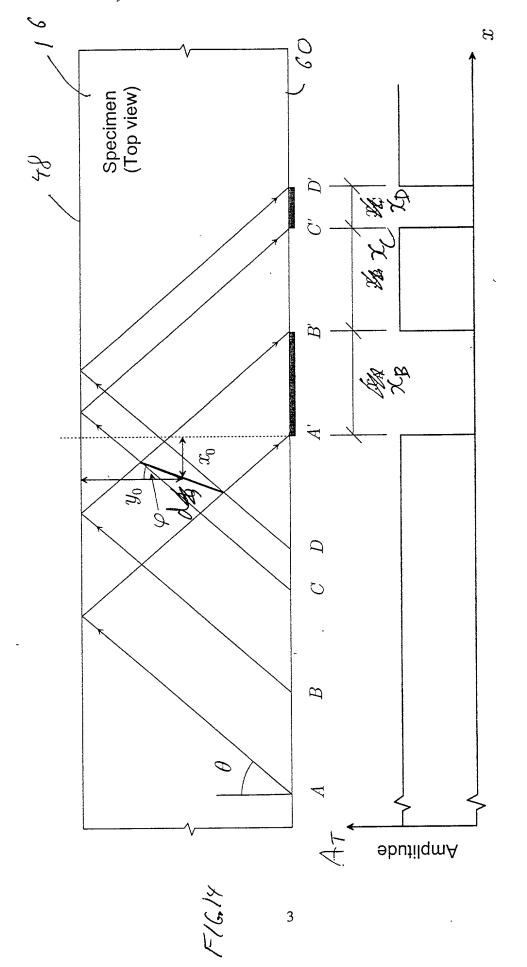


Figure 4: Three different rail railheads containing a transverse defect in each sample at different locations. The ultrasonic ray paths at various scanning positions are denoted by the dashed arrows.



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